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SUBJECT: WFP DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. CANADIAN POL MIN MATHIEU AND 2ND SECRETARY HAMILTON VISITED DEPARTMENT AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES' REQUEST. MAYNES INFORMED MATHIEU THAT U.S., AT REQUEST OF MATHIEU'S PREDECESSOR AND HIGH OTTAWA OFFICIALS, HAD SET ASIDE ITS INTEREST IN WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) SECOND HIGHEST POSITION IN ORDER CLEAR THE DECK FOR APPOINTMENT OF GARSON VOGEL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WE, THEREFORE, WERE DIS-APPOINTED THAT VOGEL HAD NOT CONSULTED US BEFORE DECIDING TO APPOINT AS HIS DEPUTY, A BRAZILIAN (BERNARDO BRITO).

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2. MAYNES SAID THAT WHILE WE DO NOT DOUBT BRITO'S INTELLIGENCE WE HAVE CONCERN OVER VOGEL'S VIEW THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MORE QUALIFIED PERSONS THAN BRITO, THE LATTER CAN GROW IN THE JOB. APART FROM QUALIFICATIONS, BRITO'S PERFORMANCE IN SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS HAS LED OFFICERS IN A NUMBER OF U.S. AGENCIES TO REGARD HIM AS DEVIOUS AND UNTRUSTWORTHY.

3. HE SAID WE NOW HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HOPE WE CAN WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITO WHO, AS THE SECOND OFFICER IN WFP, WILL DIRECT THE PROGRAM IN VOGEL'S ABSENCE. BUT PAST RECORD SUGGESTED THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND CANADA

AS THE OTHER LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO WFP, SHOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED ABOUT WFP LEADERSHIP. SINCE MATTERS OF THIS TYPE COULD HAVE A BEARING ON OUR FUTURE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WFP, THE UNITED STATES HOPES VOGEL'S PERFORMANCE IN THIS INSTANCE WILL NOT BE A PATTERN FOR THE FUTURE.

4. MATHIEU ASKED IF THE APPOINTMENT WAS CONFIRMED AND WAS HE CORRECT IN UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR APPROACH TO CANADA AROSE NOT FROM THE FACT THAT VOGEL WAS A CANADIAN BUT MORE DIRECTLY BECAUSE OF CANADA'S HEAVY SUPPORT FOR WFP AND ITS OWN INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM. MAYNES CONFIRMED THIS AND SAID THAT WHILE VOGEL WAS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO CONSULT US, WE THINK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HE SHOULD HAVE.

5. MATHIEU EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT NORMAL PRACTICE WOULD HAVE ENCOMPASSED CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJOR INTERESTS AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE U.S. VIEWS PROMPTLY TO OTTAWA. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE U.S. HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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PROVIDED VOGEL WITH THE NAMES OF SEVERAL COMPETENT LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN PERSONS WITH THE TYPE OF EXPERIENCE WHICH WE THOUGHT VOGEL SHOULD CONSIDER. NOTE: HAMILTON LATER TELEPHONED TO CLARIFY IF LATTER COMMENT MEANT THAT THE U.S. HAD DISCUSSED ITS CONCERN ABOUT BRITO DIRECTLY WITH VOGEL. HE WAS ADVISED THAT, AFTER HEARING INDIRECTLY OF VOGEL'S INTENTION, THESE CONCERNS HAD BEEN RELAYED IN AT LEAST FOUR CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND ROME TO VOGEL BUT WITH NO EFFECT. HAMILTON VOLUNTEERED THAT THE EMBASSY WELL KNOWS OF CANADA'S APPROACHES TO THE U.S. CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF VOGEL. HE SAID MAYNES' MESSAGE WAS CLEAR AND WILL BE REPORTED IN FULL TO OTTAWA. VANCE

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